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Ger Halentine

BY NETTIE K. NEHAN

OUT of the heart of the long ago,
Faded and yellow, by time, you know,
But cherished still in shadow and shine,
Cometh to me her valentine;
Here is the couplet, quaint and true,
The rose is red,
The violets blue—
And I dream in the gloaming soft and low
Of the lass who penned it long years ago.

A little maid with the bluest eyes
That ever danced 'neath winter skies;
A roguish miss, whose love was told
To the sound of a kiss in a mooalit wold,
But here is the rest of her rhyming tunel
Love is sweet
And so are you.
And a boy's checks flushed at the final line
Of a rustic sweetheart's valentine.

Deep in the past, but dimly hid,
Behind her soft eye's drooping lid,
Quivers and arrows that Cupid keen
Shot at the Castle of Might-have-been.
And plainer still the couplet true,
The rose is red,
The violets blue—
And laughter low, which is half divine,
Ripples across her valentine.

With a cherished thought for the love it told I tenderly open each yellow fold.
And my heart beats fast as it did one day In a past that is hallowed and far away.
I can see the eyes that were deep and blue,
Love is sweet
And so are you—
So thought the lass se she penned each line,
And scaled with a kiss her valentine.

YRA WATTS' black eyes

darted busily to and fro as

she sorted the mail on St.

Valentine's day. Myra had

been postmistress at Littleford for

12 years, and it was said that she

knew the handwriting of every man,

woman and child in the village. And

gossips whispered that Myra always

read messages on picture postals be-

fore handing them through the window

Outside the closed window was an

expectant crowd pressing close to the pigeon-holes, watching Myra and her

assistant as they poked letters into

the boxes and twisted their necks in

a vain endeavor to read addresses, for

Myra had a most aggravating way of

putting letters in with the addresses

All the time Myra was sorting the

mail her eyes were wistfully searching

to their indignant recipients.

upside down.

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THE ORANGE CYPRIA

frankly and fearlessly. Young as he was he saw that the old man was in a sad state and asked if he wanted anything.

"Yes, young massa, I wants to see berry precious fo' he all, but dey won't let me see him."

"Well, you come with me," said the lad, with spirit,

Alonzo could scarcely totter to a place where the boy seated him on a bench saving:

"Wait here a minute. I'll bring

him." Tears streamed down the old man's face. He was weak from hunger and exposure, and the death of his wife was a great blow. He fumbled in his pocket and brought out the shell, and thinking that the cloth around it was too solled he threw it away, and then -before him stood the tall form, with the rugged features of his face aglow with deep compassion that was part of his nature. The great man, great in all things, sat down by Alonzo saying pleasantly:

"Well, uncle, what is it?" "Oh, Massa Linkum, praise de Lord dat I done lib to see dis day. Here is a gif' fo' you from Lureeny-mywife. She died afo' she could gib hit hersef. She say hit am berry precious, and she done hab to gib hit to de bes' pusson libbin'-and she was a chillin' fo' death when she gin hit to me fo'

Saying this Alonzo held out his toildeformed hand with the beautiful shell gleaming in a ray of sunshine dark palm.

"I thank you for the gift, and she who is gone, but I do not feel that I

"Oh, yes, you do, daddy. Yes, you do!" said Tad eagerly.

Then the homely face of Lincoln quivered and his eyes suddenly burned. Only Lincoln's great heart could understand the pathos of this gift and appreciate it. It was all the giver Mass' Linkum. I done got sumpin had. He coughed two or three times before he could speak.

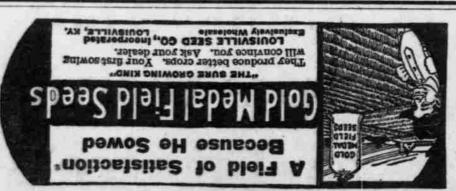
"Tell me about yourself and where

you came from." Alonzo was a man of few words, but his tale was even the stronger for that, as he told of their sufferings on their way toward the realization of their hopes. As he finished, the old man fainted and sank to the ground, Kind hands raised him, fed him, and took him to a hospital where he ended his days in a comfort he had never known. His last words were: "Lord bless Mass' Linkum, and give him the

desire of hees heart." The orange cypria is in the Smithsonian institution, now with its mate, which was found in the pocket of a young Confederate officer. Few know its history or how it came into the possession of the "best person in the

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Myra Watts had never received a valentine during all her 40 years.

"Humph!" she sniffed impatiently, as she thrust a large embossed envelope into a box, "that Timpkins boy has sent a valentine to Lissy Edwards -I wonder what her ma'd say if she knew it? And here's one he's sent to May Weeks-the impudent young puppy-and here's-one-for Ella-I wonder?" Mura deftly tucked the fancy envelope into her own private box, and, having finished distributing the morning's mail, pushed open the window and proceeded to hand it to the eager girls and boys who pressed into the tiny post office.

The last one to appear at the window was Ella Flagg, the little milliner whose shop was next door to the post office. Ella was a faded blond, with light blue eyes and a face that once had been vivaciously pretty, but now was sad and wistful. People had decided that Ella Flagg had begun to droop from the moment that Will Chandler left Littleford and went to California. Some wondered whether Ella ever heard from Will, but Myra could have told them that she did



"That Timpkins Boy Has Sent a Valentine to Listy Edwards."

not-only Myra didn't have much to say about Ella Flagg. Once they had been close friends, but for many years they had been estranged.

Ella's mute, questioning face appeared at the post office window. Myra nodded curtly, handed Ella a newspaper and a letter containing a circular. Then she turned her back and began to close up the office for the noon hour.

When she the door and took Ella's valentine out of her own box. It was postmarked from a town in California and the handwriting was unmistakably that of Will Chandler. Myra knew it at once. She had had several notes from Will before he fell in love with Ella Flagg. The envelope was addressed to Ella

Myra's black eyes blazed jealously as she held the missive up to the light and discerned through the thin paper the dainty decoration of a lovely val-

A little printed verse could be plainly read:

Amid these wilds I wander in despair, I sigh for her, so faithless, yet so fair. Ye streams, ye woods, ye breezes tell The agonies of soul for her I feel.

A bit of doggerel verse-yet it set Myra's heart to beating rapidly.

Will Chandler had sent this valen tine to Ella Flagg-what wonder-working thing was this Love which could bridge the long years of estrangement? Year after year Will Chandler had

sent a similar message to Ella Flaggand Ella had never received it! Still, Will had doggedly sent the valentines. Nothing in between, but on the days devoted to the kindly saint, Will sent some message to his old sweetheartand Ella never got it!

Myra Watts might have explained, but she didn't.

Today her eyes glowed flercely as she hid the letters away in her bureau at home.

"They ought to be my valentines," she defended herself. "So I'll keep 'em here!" That night Myra closed the post of-

fice at eight o'clock and started for home. Her way led past the little house where Ella Flagg lived with an invalid mother. When Myra passed Mrs. Jacob Hill's house that good lady ran out with a paper hat bag in her

"Oh, Myra," she panted, "do you mind leaving this at Ella Flagg's house? She's promised to fix my mourning bonnet tonight so's I can go to Uncle Benny's funeral tomorrow. I'm much obliged," she called over her shoulder as she hurried into the house.

Myra turned into the Flagg gate and went around the path to the side door. There was a light in the sitting room and Myra peeped through the glass panels of the door before she knocked. What she saw there stayed her hand.

Ella Flagg was all alone in the room. Myra knew that Mrs. Flagg was asleep in the adjoining bedroom. Ella's fair head was pressed disconsolately into the cushions of the soft and her thin shoulders were heaving convulsively.

Clenched in one thin hand was a crumpled envelope and Myra shrewdly

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